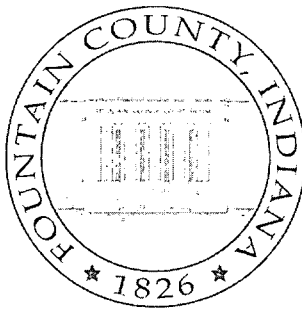




**FOUNTAIN COUNTY JOINT COMMISSIONERS AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 07/20/2026

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order:

Call to order the July 20th meeting of the Fountain County Commissioners

Commissioner's President: Aaron Fruits

Call to order the July 20th meeting of the Fountain County Council.

Council President: Kelly Carlson

Time: 6:02

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present

- ☒ Aaron Fruits
- ☒ KW Rice
- ☐ Tim Shumaker

Council Members Present:

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| ☒ Kelly Carlson | ☒ Jeff Carver |
| ☒ Jeff Fishero | ☒ Jim McKee |
| ☒ Denise Crowder | ☐ Todd Hegg |
| ☒ Dudley Cruea | |

Also, Present:

- ☒ Kim Johnson, County Auditor
- ☒ Lisa Spiering, Secretary, Auditor's Office
- ☒ Ethan Myers, County Attorney

3. Approval of Agenda:

Action Requested: Approve agenda as presented/amended

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____

- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
- Second by: Dudley Cruea
- Vote: ☒ Passed 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

4. Elected Official & Department Reports:

- ☒ Auditor, Kim Johnson
- ☐ Treasurer, Tiffany Wells
- ☐ Assessor, Amber Roarks
- ☐ Clerk, Patty Smith
- ☐ Recorder, Nikki Allen
- ☐ Coroner, Kayla Holt
- ☐ EMA Director, Tina Holmes
- ☐ EMS Director, Wayne Laswell
- ☐ Health Department, Jenny Eads
- ☐ Highway Superintendent, Jason Lewis
- ☒ Landfill, Greg
- ☒ Jail, Andrew Krout, Deputy Sheriff
- ☐ Sheriff, Terry Holt
- ☐ Prosecutor, Daniel Askren
- ☐ 911 Director, Dana Stonebraker
- ☒ WEGA, Kim Kalweit

5. Unfinished Business:

Report of Collections – Recorder June 2026

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
 - Second by: Jim McKee
 - Vote: ☒ Acknowledge 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

June 30, 2026 Quarterly Commissary Report

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
 - Second by: Denise Crowder
 - Vote: ☒ Acknowledge 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

Treasurer’s Monthly Report for May 2026

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
- Motion by: Jeff Fishero
 - Second by: Dudley Cruea
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

Clerks’ Monthly Report for June 2026

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
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- Motion by: Dudley Cruea
 - Second by: Jim McKee
 - Vote: ☒ Acknowledge 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

Credit Cards – Old National

The County would like to switch credit cards. This would be done through Old National Treasury Management. New cards could not be issued to new department heads with previous cards. The Treasurer and the Auditor will both sign off. There will be a \$30,000 total limit, paid in full monthly. Kim Johnson will be the authorized signer along with Tiffany Wells.

- Motion by: KW Rice
 - Second by: Aaron Fruits
 - Vote: ☒ Passed 2-0 ☐ Failed _____
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- Motion by: Jeff Carver
 - Second by: Jeff Fishero
 - Vote: ☒ Acknowledge 6-0 ☐ Failed _____

- **Global Life Liberty National – Jessi Vogel**
Jessi gave a presentation on Global Life Liberty National. She was very informative and answered any questions. She will be visiting each department to see what benefits each employee might be interested in.

New Business:

7. Correspondence & Announcements:

8. Council Member Comments:

9. Public Comment:

Bill Brewer -

Bill just found out not everybody knows we are getting sued. He read information regarding the court case. He stated there is still a monetary penalty problem. He stated he had talked with Dolphin and they have a slam dunk. Bill said the board should be out of office and Jon Schrock should be out of office due to his belief the law was broken. He said this is unacceptable.

Larry Schrock –

Larry said he had read the findings and facts. He said that he attended the BZA hearing in February and the BZA confirmed it was not a completed application. He is stating that the judge agrees with Fountain County.

Linda Reynolds –

Linda discussed the annexation. She has discussed with the mayor and Jon Schrock. She said she received conflicting information on who had jurisdiction. She is currently zoned agriculture. She assumed it would be county but the mayor told her told differently. She said it is her understanding that if the city will put in all of the infrastructure, that the Powell/Crain contractors will receive roughly 25 plots to build their own homes. She and her husband have had multiple conversations with Crain and Schrock. She hosted a meeting with Mr. Schrock, Brad Crain, and any interested neighbors. They wanted to know who has legal jurisdiction of that area. Linda asked Brad Crain to bring the city comprehensive plan. Linda stated that during the meeting when her husband would ask a question, Mr. Schrock would try to answer. He was interrupted by Scott Powell, who was aggressive, combative, argumentative and impolite. She stated she had to ask him to stop speaking and interrupting. She said Mr. Schrock was never able to answer. She almost asked him to leave her home. She felt like Mr. Crain was playing good cop/bad cop. She said nothing was solved. Brad Crain brought papers stating it was the comprehensive plan, but it was just ordinances. She asked Brad where the comprehensive plan was and he stated he could not find it. She said the City attorney and the County attorney could not agree.

Bill Brewer –

He said he found 34 comments by the judge. He read several comments for the board. Bill asked if they are going to continue to fight the battle with Dolphin Solar. Aaron Fruits said yes, they are. Ethan Myers stated due to pending litigation, nothing should be said.

Wayne Laswell-

Wayne said last week he was told by a council member that a salary ordinance was already voted on. He said he was told it is not going to change. He then sent feelers out last week and got multiple interviews. He did receive a job offer to be a director. He is going to take a couple days and discuss with his wife. He hasn't made any decisions. He would like to be transparent and honest with the Council.

Jeff Fishero

He said the APC is about at the max at their attorney fees. He asked if we go on with the situation where would they get the additional funds? Dudley said the Commissioners would have to ask the Council for an additional. Jeff didn't know if the consulting fees could be used for payment.

Kelly Carlson-

There are 2 invoices for the electrical hookup and the hookup for Veedersburg for the utilities. The total is \$28,000. Kim Johnson will put on the August 10th meeting. They will discuss with Jenny on where to get the money. Dudley said that Jenny or Dr. Hesler should have come to board before authorizing. KW Rice said he thought this was already discussed.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioners

- Motion by: KW Rice
- Second by: Aaron Fruits
- Vote: Passed 2-0

Council

- Motion by: Denise Crowder
- Second by: Jeff Fishero
- Vote: Passed 6-0
- Time adjourned: 6:45 PM

NEXT MEETING: Commissioner’s meeting on **Monday, August 03, at 9:00 AM**

Council’s meeting on **Monday, August 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Budget Hearing Schedule

August 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

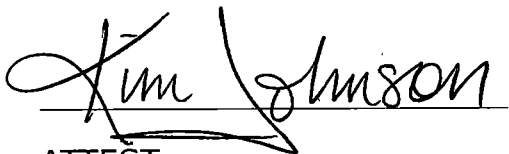
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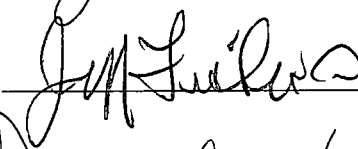
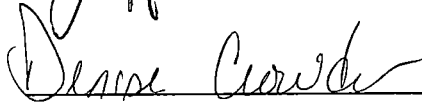
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September 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM

September 28, 2026 at 5:30 PM

October 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM


ATTEST


Joseph C. Carr

